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1. UK plans early withdrawal from Somaliland--According to US Embassy London, the UK Foreign Office has decided to inform the UN immediately of the British plan for turning over the administration of Somaliland to Italy. The Foreign Office indicated that during the next few months Italian personnel and military forces will arrive in the territory and that the transition from British to Italian administration will be completed by the end of March, whether or not a trusteeship agreement between the UN and Italy has been concluded. The Embassy told the Foreign Office that it would be preferable for the UK to remain in the territory until the trusteeship agreement is concluded.

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2. India unconciliatory on Kashmir proposals--The US Delegation to the UN reports that India has submitted amendments to Security Council President McNaughton's proposals which would in effect: (a) compel the withdrawal or disbanding of all Pakistan-controlled forces (including Azad Forces) in Kashmir without compensating reductions on the Indian side; and (b) require transfer of administrative and military control of the disputed northern area of Kashmir to India and to the Indian-controlled Kashmir state government.

(CIA Comment: Contrary to earlier indications that the proposed Indian amendments might be conciliatory, these proposals would resolve all disputed points in India's favor.)

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3. Sweden will recognize Chinese Communists-- According to US Embassy Stockholm, the Swedish Government has informed the Chinese Ambassador in Stockholm of its

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decision to recognize the Chinese Communist regime within a few days after the British do so. The Chinese Ambassador reportedly gained the impression from the Swedish Foreign Minister that both Denmark and Norway will take action similar to Sweden's.

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4. INDONESIA: Transfer of sovereignty orderly--US Consul General Beam in Batavia reports that the transfer of sovereignty to the new government of the United States of Indonesia was accompanied by an "excellent maintenance of order" and that the few "incidents" were of an insignificant nature. Beam comments that the large crowds in Batavia conducted themselves in "dignified fashion" and that the police handled the situation successfully.
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